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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2309

Introduced by Assembly Members Fletcher and Salas
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Block, Harkey, Jeffries, Lieu,
V. Manuel Pérez, and Saldaña)
(Coauthor: Senator Ducheny)

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 1011 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2309, as amended, Fletcher. ~~Veterans'~~ *Veterans* Home of California.

Existing law ~~provides for the establishment and operation of the Veterans' Home of California at various sites, and declares~~ *specifies* that there is in the Department of Veterans Affairs a ~~Veterans'~~ *Veterans* Home of California, Yountville, *and that the department may establish and construct a second veterans home located on one or more sites in specified counties. Existing law specifies the particular sites of the second home.*

This bill would ~~update that provision to declare that additionally there are in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Barstow, a Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, a Veterans' Home of California, Lancaster, and a Veterans' Home of California, Ventura~~ *revise and recast these provisions to state, in the same order as listed*

in current law, that there is a veterans home at Yountville and at each of the locations currently specified as a site of the second home. This bill would provide for the ~~Veterans~~² Veterans Home of California, Chula Vista, to also be known as the “John Smith Memorial ~~Veterans~~² Veterans Home,” and for the Veterans Home of California, Lancaster, to also be known as the “William J. ‘Pete’ Knight ~~Veterans~~² Veterans Home.” This bill would authorize the department to complete any preapplication process necessary with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for construction of the homes.

This bill would also make other conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1011 of the Military and Veterans Code
2 is amended to read:
3 1011. ~~(a) There is in the department a Veterans’ Home of~~
4 ~~California, Yountville, situated in Napa County.~~
5 ~~(b) There is in the department a Veterans’ Home of California,~~
6 ~~Barstow, situated in San Bernardino County.~~
7 ~~(c) There is in the department a Veterans’ Home of California,~~
8 ~~Chula Vista, situated in San Diego County. This veterans’ home~~
9 ~~shall also be known as the “John Smith Memorial Veterans’~~
10 ~~Home.”~~
11 ~~(d) There is in the department a Veterans’ Home of California,~~
12 ~~Lancaster, situated in Los Angeles County. This veterans’ home~~
13 ~~shall also be known as the “William J. ‘Pete’ Knight Veterans~~
14 ~~Home.”~~
15 ~~(e) There is in the department a Veterans’ Home of California,~~
16 ~~Ventura, situated in Ventura County.~~
17 1011. (a) *There is in the department all of the following:*
18 (1) *A Veterans Home of California, Yountville, situated in Napa*
19 *County.*
20 (2) *A Veterans Home of California, Barstow, situated in San*
21 *Bernardino County.*
22 (3) *A Veterans Home of California, Chula Vista, situated in San*
23 *Diego County. This veterans home shall also be known as the*
24 *“John Smith Memorial Veterans Home.”*

1 (4) *A Veterans Home of California, Lancaster, situated in Los*
2 *Angeles County. This veterans home shall also be known as the*
3 *“William J. ‘Pete’ Knight Veterans Home.”*

4 (5) *A Veterans Home of California, Ventura, situated in Ventura*
5 *County.*

6 (6) *A Veterans Home of California, West Los Angeles, situated*
7 *in Los Angeles County.*

8 ~~(f)~~

9 (b) The department may complete any preapplication process
10 necessary with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
11 for construction of the homes.

12 ~~(g)~~

13 (c) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the homes
14 are a new state function. The department may perform any or all
15 work in operating the homes by independent contractors, except
16 the overall administration and management of the homes. Any and
17 all actions of the department taken before September 17, 1996,
18 that are consistent with this subdivision are hereby ratified and
19 confirmed, it having at all times been the intent of the Legislature
20 that the department be so authorized.

21 ~~(h)~~

22 (d) There shall be an administrator for each home or homesite,
23 who shall be recommended by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
24 and appointed by the Governor, and shall be located at that home
25 or homesite. The salary for each administrator shall be subject to
26 the approval of the Department of Personnel Administration.